conveyed these recommendations to the Government of Rajasthan and their comments in this regard are awaited.

STATEMENT

Summary of Recommendations contained in the report "Keoladeo National Park Ecology Study (1988-1990)" *by the Bombay Natural History Society* (1990).

1. *Water Management*

(i) Water from the Chambal should be brought to the Park for use in periods of scarcity.

(ii) The time of release of water, the yearly variation in quantum of water released, water depth in blocks, sequence of flooding and duration of dry periods should be carefully controlled. Deepening of water-spread areas should be done.

2. *Habitat Management*

(i) *Removal of aquatic weeds*: Methods suggested for controlling the different weeds are as follows:—

(a) *Paspalum distichum*: The uncontrolled growth of this weed as a result of the removal of buffaloes from the Park is creating an ecocatastrophe. A strategy has to be worked out to get the buffaloes, the primary consumers, back into the system.

(b) *Cyperus alopecuroides*: This weed should be removed by unrooting at seedling stage wherever it grows thick.

(c) *Vetiveria zizanioides and Desmostachya bipinnate*: These weeds should be removed by allowing villagers to harvest them.

(d) *Saline patches*: These patches should be reforested.

(e) *Control of Feral Cattle*: The calves should be trapped and translocated by tranquillising. The bulls may be castrated. 'Biobullets' may also be tried.

3. *Fish Supply*

Additional areas for retaining breeding stocks of fish during summer should be created. Controlled harvesting of fish should be allowed in May-June.

4. *Integrated Development Programme*

An integrated development programme for the area should be launched. This should include supply of improved cookers, wind mills, health care, cottage industries, improved agricultural practices, etc. which are compatible with the management of the Park. Water supply from the Chambal should be made available to the local villages.

5. *Development of Tourism*

This should comprise inexpensive transportation from the main gate to the Keoladeo Tempie, construction of watch-towers, interpretation centre and low budget board and lodging facilities.

Augmentation of Drug Testing Facilities

4456. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, 100 per cent assistance for augmenting drug testing facilities and 50 per cent assistance for strengthening the enforcement wing is provided;

(b) if so, whether the Drug Central Administration has one Drug Testing Laboratory at the Directorate and one such Laboratory in the Regional at Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether both the Laboratories have inadequate space and staff and lack modern sophisticated testing equipments;

(d) whether to strengthen the said two testing laboratories, a proposal has been submitted to Drug Controller of India under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes by the State Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) It is proposed to provide assistance to State Governments to strengthen their Drug Testing Facilities and Inspectorate Staff during the 8th Plan period.

(b) No, Sir. The Drug Testing Laboratories at Hyderabad and Vijayawada are under the control of Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Yes, Sir, as reported by the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(d) and (e) The Government of Andhra Pradesh have asked for an assistance of Rs. 70 lakhs for Drug Testing Laboratory, Hyderabad and Rs. 50 lakhs for the Regional Laboratory at Vijayawada.

(f) Proposal received from various States would be considered if the Scheme is approved and provided for in the 8th Plan.

Regional Drug Testing Laboratories in Southern States

4457. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up Regional Drug Testing Laboratories in any of the Southern States in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Andhra Pradesh leads in production of bulk drugs and yet there is no testing laboratory in the State;

(d) if so, whether the Union Government propose to set up a Drug Testing Laboratory in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, where and by when, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (e) There is a proposal to set up three regional drug testing laboratories during the 8th Five Year Plan perod.

Andhra Pradesh is one of the leading producers of bulk drugs and there are two drug testing laboratories in the State under the State Government.

Tribal Families assisted during Seventh Five Year Plan

4458. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:

SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:

SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tribal families assisted during the Seventh Five Year Plan in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Moradabad and Ferozabad, year-wise;

(b) whether any study relating to the benefits actually enjoyed by tribals has ever been conducted; and

(c) the assistance proposed to be extended to tribals of the above regions during the current financial year?